

Show Rules and Regulations

San Diego Bromeliad Society World Bromeliad Conference May / June 2018

The Show will be governed by the Show Schedule. The Show Chairman shall be the final authority on any matter not covered by the Show Schedule.

Entries will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wed. May 30, and must remain in place until 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. The Show Chairman must be contacted if the 4:30 p.m. deadline is a hardship. Exception: Judges entries may be removed earlier if the judge is from out of town, in which cases entries may be removed upon departure.

While great care will be exercised, the San Diego Bromeliad Society is not responsible for damages or loss of entries or properties.

Entries remaining in the showroom after closing of the show will become the property of the San Diego Bromeliad Society.

Competition is open to persons who have been members of the San Diego Bromeliad Society or the BSI at least ninety (90) days prior to the Show.

An exhibitor cannot compete against himself for the same blue ribbon. For example: In Category I, Division S, Section B, Class 2, an exhibitor cannot enter two individual specimens of blooming *Aechmea fasciata* plants. He may enter them in other divisions throughout the Show.

The Show will be merit-judged, with no limit on the number of ribbons per class that may be awarded in each category.

The Sweepstakes Award will be calculated in the following manner: All Award of Merit ribbons will count as two points and blue ribbons will count as one point toward Sweepstakes. The calculation uses all four ribbon levels to calculate the sweep stakes winner.

Entry sheets listing all entries by the exhibitor should be completed prior to arrival at the Classification and Entries table and filled out in pencil. If you need help, please list each of your plants and we will help with entry categories. Entry sheets

will be available at the meetings of the Society prior to the Show and on the web site at sandiegobromeliadsociety.org. Plants must have been grown by the exhibitor at least six (6) months prior to the Show. This rule does not apply to plants in Category III, Division AA – Artistic Arrangements, and Category VI – Non-Competitive.

Due to limited space, members who wish to place exhibits in Category IV must make advance reservations with the Show Chairman within two weeks prior to the Show. Placement of Exhibits in Category V are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

The Classification Chairman makes the final decision in the assignment of a plant to its designated Category, Division, Section and Class of the Show. Additional classes maybe opened by the Classification Chairman as warranted. Classification may disqualify any plant not meeting the requirements of the Division, Section or Class which violates the rules stated in the Show Schedule.

Plants must be well-groomed and free of disease and insects. Containers should be clean. The Classification Chairman is the proper authority to remove a plant from the show area because of disease or insects. The only person who can disqualify a plant is the Classification Chairman or his/her representative.

No commercial leaf shine, cream, milk or substance may be used to enhance the appearance of the plant.

No person other than Judges, Clerks, Show Chairman, Classification Chairman, Judges Chairman and Placement Chairman will be permitted in the judging area during the judging.

Judges may not pick up or move plants. The clerks will assist any judge who wants a better view of an entry.

The Handbook for Judges, Exhibitors & Affiliates, plus official, additional updated material published in the Journal of the Bromeliad Society, Inc. is the guideline for the rules and regulations governing a Standard BSI Show and all Internationally Accredited BSI Judges and BSI Instructors. The Show Chair's decisions are final.

No artificial plant material may be entered in this Show. No living plant may be artificially colored.